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Sports HoF induction ceremony postponed

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

As COVID-19 cases begin to rise again in Ontario and news about the various COVID-19 variants sweep across the globe, there has been a ripple affect related to public health policies implemented by the government and for public event organizers, trying to stay ahead of the curve.

Locally, the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame this week made the decision to postpone the upcoming induction ceremony for its first class of inductees.

Hall of Fame chairman and induction ceremony sub-committee member Scotty LaRue said the move was made out of an abundance of caution. Originally scheduled to take place on Oct. 23 at the Pinestone Resort Conference Centre, the ceremony has been pushed off until next spring.

"Sorry to say [it's] because of COVID. Of course I don't think there is any way we can hold the inductee ceremony [where] we were

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Taking summer in stride

Highlands resident and avid runner Lauren Green navigates a water crossing while tackling the Algonquin Highlands Ridge Trail in Stanhope, which can be accessed at the James Cooper Lookout off North Shore Road. The Highlands offers plenty of recreational opportunities that are breathtaking in more ways than one. /DARREN LUM Staff

Minden Pride returns to celebrate inclusion and diversity

by GRACE OBORNE

Times Staff

Minden will be hosting its sixth annual Pride Week in the coming days, with plans for a jam-packed schedule of fun events and activities. Anyone and everyone is invited to celebrate inclusion, diversity and the LGBTQ2+ (lesbian gay bisexual transgender queer or questioning two-spirit and others) community with pride.

Minden Pride 2021 is scheduled for Aug. 23 to 29, kicking off with a flag raising at 11 a.m. on Aug. 23 at the Minden Hills municipal office at 7 Milne St.

"Minden Pride is a volunteer-driven, non-profit Haliburton County organization operating as part of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative and comprised of local business owners and residents," reads the event's website.

The initial launch of Minden Pride took place back in 2016, and was motivated by the see MINDEN page 3



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Local politicians split on calling of early federal election

by MIKE BAKER
Times Editor

There will be at least three horses in the proverbial race here in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock (HKLB) after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau this past weekend made a request to immediately dissolve government and hold a federal election on Sept. 20.

We know that incumbent Jamie Schmale will stand for the Conservatives, aiming to secure a third successive term as the riding's MP, while Judi Forbes will represent the Liberals. Forbes stood for election in 2019, receiving 17,067 votes which was good enough for 26 per cent of the local vote. Schmale secured the win two years ago after receiving 32,257 votes (49.1 per cent).

The *Times* also learned on Monday (Aug. 16) that the Green Party will have a name on the ballot here in HKLB on voting day. The local association was planning to hold a nomination meeting on Aug. 24, where local members would vote to select a candidate. With just five weeks until voting day, however, it was decided that a candidate would need to be in place before then.

Karen Hillis, an executive with the HKLB Green Party association, said the national executive would be bypassing the usual nomination steps to simply select a candidate for the riding. Angel Godsoe and Mark Wilson were both approved nominees for the party. One will be selected to stand for the Greens this week.

It is not yet clear who will stand for the NDPs in HKLB, with the local association not responding to requests for comment as of press time on Tuesday evening.

Canada's 44th federal election will be unprecedented in the sense that the campaign will be the shortest in recent memory, lasting just 36 days – the minimum length permitted by law. Only three election campaigns have been shorter – in 1874, 1891 and 1900.

Criticized by leaders of all of Canada's major parties – Conservative, NDP, Green and Bloc – Trudeau said now was the right time to call an election, giving Canadians the chance to decide who will lead the country out of the darkness of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"In this pivotal, consequential moment, who wouldn't want a say? Who wouldn't want their chance to help decide where our country goes from here?" Trudeau said on Sunday morning

Back in 2019, the Liberals secured 155 seats in the House of Commons, giving them a minority government. At the time of dissolution, the Conservatives had 119 sitting members, the Bloc had 32, NDP had 24, and the Green Party held two seats. A further five seats were held by independents. A report published by the CBC on Sunday stated that the Liberals hold a lead in public polling, with enough of a mar-

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CONSERVATIVE

Signs are starting to spring up across Minden after **Prime Minister Justin** Trudeau called an early election this past weekend. Voters will be heading to the polls on Sept. 20. Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-**Brock incumbent Jamie** Schmale was quick to have his signs in place, with this one on the corner of Hwy. 35 and County Road 21 among the first to be installed. /MIKE BAKER Staff.

gin that, should it translate to actual results on voting day, would give them a majority government.

Conservative response

Perhaps unsurprisingly, Schmale was not in favour of an early election. The call comes less than half way through the current term, sending voters back to the polls for the second time in 23 months.

"I don't think many people wanted an election. The people I'm talking to, you know, they're really stressed out because of COVID. They're still trying to figure out what's going on, whether they have kids in school, how they're going to manage their jobs. I think an election was the last thing on people's minds," Schmale said.

Speaking to the *Times* on Monday, Schmale said Trudeau should be more focused on resolving the major crisis that is unfolding in Afghanistan, where the Taliban, a terrorist organization, has seemingly taken control of the country after storming the presidential palace in Kabul over the weekend.

He feels that, by calling an election and dissolving government, Trudeau has basically abandoned the many Afghan nationals who supported Canada and its troops over a 12-year period during the country's involvement in the War on Terror.

"The parliament in the UK recalled their legislators, recalled their lawmakers to deal with this situation and we have just dissolved ours. The Prime Minister should be in a situation room dealing with this, and speeding up bureaucracy... to make sure these people are taken care of," Schmale said. "They put their lives on the line for us, and we've just walked away, which is absolutely shameful."

As he prepares for a shortened campaign, Schmale said he expects to field questions relating to the economy, the growing federal deficit - which he says, based on current projections, won't balance out until 2070 - and mental health when talking to constituents.

Liberal candidate believes 'time is right'

Having been acclaimed as the Liberal candidate in HKLB just a few weeks ago, Judi Forbes is preparing for her second federal election.

Speaking to the *Times*, she said she was "delighted" an early election has been called, as it gives voters the opportunity to voice their opinions and let government officials know how they feel they've fared during a near year-and-a-half long pandemic.

"I think it's the right move. It's time for a clear mandate from the Canadian people to say 'yes, Justin Trudeau and the Liberals have done an exceptional job getting us through this pandemic, and we trust them to continue to protect us with safeguards ... and help create an even better Canada',"

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Minden Pride aiming to create culture of 'love and diversity'

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the Pulse nightclub shooting that took place in Orlando, that saw 49 people killed, and an incident of vandalism here in Haliburton County, where a local storefront was targeted with homophobic graffiti.

"These events shocked a number of people, so Minden Pride week was developed because we wanted to ensure that the LGBTQ2+ community felt safe in Haliburton County. We also want to shed a positive light by representing inclusivity and diversity," said Chair of Minden Pride, Allan Guinan.

The organization's mandate is to provide opportunities for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, and their allies, to celebrate their culture, heritage and diversity by nurturing a safe community for LGBTQ2+ people of all ages.

In 2020, Minden Pride changed their logo to include "in the Haliburton Highlands." This extends the invitation to Pride Week to everyone across the county.

"We wanted to ensure that the entire county was included and, where possible, to spread our events around the county to get more support. We are slowly starting to build events outside of just Minden, because we feel it's important that we're representative for everyone in the county," said Guinan.

With each passing year and successful event, Minden Pride grows. Guinan explains that in 2019, there were over 200 people at their flag raising event and over 2,000 people at the series of events put on throughout the week. With COVID-19, Pride Week 2020 was smaller than previous years.

To advertise this summer's annual Pride Week, Minden Pride's "pridemobile" has been seen driving around the county for the past month. T-shirts, hats, and other fun gadgets are available.

"We have T-shirts, hats, and all sorts of things available if people are interested. There is a variety of items that people can select from for a donation. Some of it we also give away. We have pins, pens and things that we give too. There's a whole variety of different things, and the response has been really positive. People are really excited about something happening," said Guinan.

There are a variety of events that will take place during Pride Week this year. There will be a rainbow scavenger hunt, which is being done in partnership with the Haliburton



Minden Pride 2021 is scheduled to take place on Aug. 23 and will run to Aug. 29. The week will be full of inclusive and fun activties starting with a flag raising that will take place Aug. 23 at 11 a.m. at the Minden Hills municipal office parking lot. /Submitted

Rotaract, a movie night with pizza, a Pride breakfast at Molly's Bistro Bakery, and much more. Individuals are encouraged to dress up, and help decorate

"I think the one event that's going to get the most interest this year is our float down the Gull River. It is sort of a mini Pride Parade, and that's going to happen on Saturday [Aug. 28]. We're going to have a prize for the most imaginative float. So we're looking forward to that as well," added Guinan.

This year's theme is "proud and hopeful," which will celebrate the success Minden Pride has had over the past six years and encourages people to celebrate diversity and inclusion within the community.

"We did that because we're very proud of everything that we've accomplished over the past six years. We've also helped to advocate for the rights of LGBTQ2+ people, and we understand that the last 18 months has been challenging for many, so we're really hopeful that this global pandemic

has taught us that we're all in this together and that we have to learn to be kinder and more inclusive of others."

Pride Week around the world is important to many individuals, but Minden Pride Week is that much more important to a close-knit community. It is a time for everyone to get together to celebrate love and diversity.

"There have still been events that have gone on that would suggest that people are either uncomfortable or uneducated about what the LGBTQ2+ community is about. I think it's important that we demonstrate how to be a very positive, forward thinking, inclusive group. That's really our goal. That we have a voice and that people know that we are [active] in the community. I think it's important for those who might also be questioning their identity to have positive role models," concluded Guinan.

For more information on Minden Pride 2021 and the Pride Week schedule, visit www.mindenpride.ca.



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(VIRTUAL) COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference meetings, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

> The schedule of upcoming meetings are: August 26 - Regular Council Meeting September 9 – Regular Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in August and December

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenhil ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/.

Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

<u>HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT</u>

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A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

As summer winds down and the school year starts, it is time to remind parents and students about back-to-school safety

School Bus

- When waiting for a bus, stay at least five giant steps (10 feet/3 meters) from the curb until the
- Make sure you walk where you can see the bus driver and wait for the driver's signals to walk across the road.
- Never walk behind the bus
- Children should always board and exit the bus at locations that provide safe access to the bus of
- Stay in your seat when riding on a bus, never put your head, arms or hands out the window and hold on to bus handrails when getting on and off a bus.

- · Use crosswalks for crossing streets and remember to look left, right, left before crossing. (Children under 10 should cross with the assistance of a grown-up.)
- Be realistic about your child's pedestrian skills. Because small children are impulsive and less cautious around traffic, carefully consider whether or not your child is ready to walk to school without adult supervision.
- you are sure they know the route and can do it safely.
- Bright-colored clothing will make your child more visible to drivers.

- Wear a helmet every time you ride your bicycle and make sure the helmet fits correctly.
- Ride on the right, in the same direction as auto traffic and use appropriate hand signals.
- · Always walk your bicycle when you need to cross a street.
- Wear bright-colored clothing to increase visibility. White or light-colored clothing is especially important after dark.
- Know the "rules of the road"

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Building Inspector

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Dominion set to welcome familiar face for a night of the Blues

Times Editor

Harpdog Brown is returning to Minden this

The world-renowned Canadian vocalist and harmonica player is set to bring his unique style of Blues-based music to the Dominion Hotel on Thursday evening (Aug.

Born in Edmonton and now residing in Vancouver, Brown, or Harpdog as he prefers to be called, has enjoyed a distinguished career spanning four decades. Speaking to the Times this week ahead of his in-town concert, Harpdog says his roots in the musical industry run deep.

"I picked up my first harmonica and played my first note when I was 18 years old, and that was 41 years ago. Now, my harmonica is basically an extension of my soul, and is kind of like my second voice," Harpdog said. "I've spent 41 years in the business – I'm 59 years old now, which, in the Blues world, practically makes me a teenager."

Back in the early 1980s, when he was an actual teenager, Harpdog said he felt an unexplainable attraction to the music industry. Especially during those late teenage years and throughout his early 20s, he lived by the mantra that he may not be making a living, but he was living making music. He travelled across the continent, playing hundreds of shows and truly learning his craft.

In 1993, he finally gained some traction following the release of his debut album Beware of Dog. Since then, he has gone on to release a further six records, with his most



recent - For Love and Money - coming out in 2019. In 2014, he was named Harmonica Player of the Year at the annual Maple Blues Awards, an accolade he would receive again in 2015, 2016 and 2019.

As he discusses his career and reflects on

the many paths he's walked, Harpdog says he is continuing to evolve his sound and believes the version of him that exists in 2021 is, at least from a musical standpoint, the best one yet. He's excited to get on stage on Thursday evening, alongside the "supremely

talented" Charlie Jacobson, and share his greatest passion with the local community.

"This show is guaranteed to take people away from their COVID blues. This is entertainment in its purest form, and it's a

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Award-winning

Canadian Blues artist Harpdog Brown will be appearing at the

in Minden this

Thursday, Aug.

19. /Submitted

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The Rainbow Scavenger Hunt Check out www.mindenpride.ca for detailed instructions

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

Movie Night featuring Papi Chulo Time: 8:00pm (gates open at 7:00) Location: Abbey Gardens Little Pit Drive In. www.abbeygardens.ca/littlepitdrivein

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25 Drag Storytime

Time: 10:00am Location: Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Details at www.eventbrite. ca/e/storytime-with-drag-queen-auntyplum-tickets-164339388535

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

Minden Pride Trivia Night **Time:** 7:00-9:30pm

Location: The Dominion Boat House. Please preregister by noon that day at trivianight@mindenpride.ca

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

Pride Bench Dedication

Time: 12:00pm Location: Minden River Walk. Check out our video tribute to Sinclair Russell at www.mindenpride.ca

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

Parade Your PRIDE Colours (Rain date: Aug 29th). Time: 12:00 - 6:00pm

and Float Down the Gull with PRIDE! Time: 1:00-3:00pm Visit www.mindenpride.ca for more

information about these events!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 Multi-Faith Service

Time: 1:00pm Location: this is an online event. Register at multifaith@mindenpride. ca for this online event

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Committee hopes to reschedule event for May, June of 2022

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hoping to have at least 200 people. Well, anyways, we decided we would postpone the inductee ceremony and probably have a look at it for maybe, maybe, May or June [2022] depending on circumstances. We haven't made an alternative date just because of that. We didn't want to postpone it twice," he said. "So, we interviewed every inductee and of course they all were disappointed, [just] as we are, but there is absolutely nothing we can do about it ... We worked really hard. We still have things that we're working on for the ceremony. We're working on videos. We're working on the website. We're working on decorating the area in the arena we've designated for our display. We will carry on with all of that and hopefully, by the spring, things have cleared up and we will be able to go ahead and have the ceremony."

The list of inductees for the Hall of Fame includes in alphabetical order: Mike Bradley, Glen Dart, Cody Hodgson, Don Beverly, "Joe" Iles (deceased), Marla MacNaull, Bernie Nicholls, Ron Stackhouse, Lesley Tashlin, Anna Tomlinson, Jake Walker and Taly Williams for the athlete category, while builders include Linda J. Brandon, Albert John (Ab) LaRue and Lenny Salvatori. In the team category, the list includes the 1934 Haliburton Huskies, the 1956 to 1958 Minden Monarchs teams and the Haliburton Huskies Junior D champion 1970-



Classic cars galore!

Haliburton County resident Jim Livingstone was excited to show off his 1964 Austin Healey classic car on Aug. 5 as the Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers took over the parking lot beside Kawartha Dairy on Hwy. 35. There were more than 20 vehicles on display at the event. Livingstone says he's been a member of the club since 2020, and has owned what he describes as his "most prized possession" for three years. /MIKE BAKER Staff.



Minden resident Dawson Allore says his 1989 Chevrolet Cavalier is a "work in progress." Since purchasing the vehicle in 2017, the 22-year-old has made many adjustments, most notable installing a Z24 custom body kit. Allore plans to drive his vehicle cross country this summer, as he prepares for a trip to British Columbia.



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Don't Stop Believin' I guess

VE NEVER considered myself much of a fan of music. I know that's a rather peculiar statement to make, but it's a feeling I've had even dating back to my teenage years. I remember, quite vividly, the many days spent hanging out with friends, whether at home or at school, and feeling somewhat left out as they all discussed their favourite music video, or reminisced over the best concert they had been to.

Whenever it came around to me, I generally got away with saying something like "yeah, that new Eminem song is quite good."

Even as I got older, and started going out to bars and night clubs, I felt the music, mainly the volume, was so over-the-top excessive. I would usually stand by the bar, far away from the speakers, probably coming across as the weird creepy guy hanging around in an

attempt to pick up girls looking to order a drink. I feel I'm OK saying that as someone who was, even at that young of an age, already practically married.

On occasions when I have opened up and shared my strange affliction, people have told me that I needed to get out and attend some live concerts. They assured me that would change my mind. So I did that. Over the past decade, I've been to see the likes of Bon Jovi, Foo Fighters, Meatloaf, Bon Jovi again, and Elton John. I've experienced the Backstreet Boys. I know, I'm a good husband.

During each and every one of those events, I found myself doing the same thing... Constantly looking down at my watch and wondering how much longer until I get to go home.

Imagine my surprise then when, this

week, after carrying out what can only be described as one of the best, most enjoyable interviews of my career with Canadian Blues artist Harpdog Brown, I found myself not only agreeing to attend a live, in-person musical event, but actually feeling excited about it.

In case you hadn't already gathered, this is unchartered territory for me, ladies and gentlemen.

Maybe it's the fact that, through my conversation with Harpdog, I felt a bit of a connection, an understanding for what he does and why he does it. There was a respect there. When he

> asked me, towards the end of the interview, if I would be attending, it felt impossible for me to say no.

Upon arriving home that night, I did a little YouTube research and, before I even knew what was going on, found I had spent more than an hour listening to Harpdog's

greatest hits.

MIKE BAKER

Now, I know what you're all thinking ... That I better have received good money for this shameless plug!

In all seriousness though, I am looking forward to attending the show on Thursday. That, for me, is honestly a first. I don't know how I'll feel once I'm there – I guess if any of you notice me glancing down at my watch, you'll know the answer.

It is something of a blessing that events like this are starting to take place again. There are still tickets available, online through Eventbrite, for anyone interested in checking it out. Harpdog assured me the place will be rocking, and that a good time will be had by all.

For some reason, I find myself believing him.



"Well, this virtual staff party sucks."

Beauties

NE OF the great truths in angling is that the biggest fish an angler hooks is typically the one that got away before ever being seen by anyone. Anglers refer to this mythical fish as "a beauty."

If you doubt this, eavesdrop at any dock when a fishing boat returns. Sooner or later, you are sure to hear at least one angler say, "We caught a bunch, and I lost a beauty."

No one has ever actually seen a beauty. That's because if the average beauty got close enough to the boat for the inevitable shrinkage to take place, it

would no longer be a beauty. Beauties are huge. Take my word for it.

I know some anglers who can turn a stand of cabbage weed or a stump into a beauty, but they are exceptional. Less skilled anglers can only do this with a poorly hooked

Even with these basic ingredients, a beauty still requires angler input. He or she must add one part imagination and one part excitement

And it helps to keep a straight face too. But the results of these efforts are often

along with a healthy dose of poetic licence.

In my experience, a fish that is hooked and never seen, immediately gains 50 per cent more in weight.

For example, an unseen two-pound smallmouth bass immediately becomes a three pounder. If the fish is caught up in a weed bed, you add another 50 per cent to the weight again, so that two pounder caught in a weed bed becomes a four-anda-half pounder. Also, if no one witnessed the hookset, break off or knot failure, the angler intuitively adds one more pound,

which makes it a five-and-a-half pounder. Lastly, every time the story is told, a good angler adds another half-pound.

Which is to say, typically your average two-pound bass that is not seen before breaking off, has the potential to turn into a long-distance catch and release Ontario record.

I know there are anglers who swear that the beauties they caught were actual beauties. But if that were the case, there would be many provincial and world-record fish on every waterbody in the province.

No, beauties are mythical creatures, much like unicorns, dragons and puppies that don't eat slippers. The Loch Ness monster wasn't always a monster. Once, it was a two-pound trout that a Scottish angler called a beauty.

And that's OK. In fact, the world would be a lot less wonderful, if every beauty was caught and recognized for what it actually was. And the cred-

ibility of the angler who yelled, "I got a beauty on!" would also go down the toilet, if he actually landed it.

I like the idea that you can still get a great fish story out of a fish that you never laid eyes on. This makes it easier to justify buying new fishing rods and lines and leaders and flies or lures, so you can be ready for the next time that beauty strikes. And if you lose two fish in the same general area, you might even have all the ingredients to tell the tale of a creature like Nessie, which frankly is good for tourism.

The thing to remember is that beauty is in the eye of the beholder, provided the beholder never gets a chance to be holding the fish.



STEVE GALEA Beyond 35

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Columns and Letters to the Editor

How many kids will die?

THERE ARE DAYS this summer when my mind spins like a roulette wheel about to fly off its spindle and crash into a wall.

I sometimes think it is this summer's hot and unsettled weather that is making me feel that way. It's not. It's all the unsettling crisis-like events swirling around us all.

Some of the events are far away, but still threatening to us, and others are on our doorsteps. It hurts to think that much of what threatens us is preventable or solvable. It hurts even more thinking about how little progress we are making in eliminating, or at least reducing, these threats.



JIM POLING SR. From Shaman's Rock

The menacing threat on our doorsteps, of course, is the COVID-19 Delta variant. It is starting to sicken and kill unvaccinated children. It's not so bad yet in Canada, but Canadian institutions always lag behind the U.S. in collecting and distributing data important to its citizens.

COVID-19 infecting children is a developing nightmare. In the United States almost 4.5 million children have tested positive for COVID since the pandemic began. More shocking, 94,000 children tested positive in the first week of August, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The U.S. Centres for Disease Control reported a 27.3 per cent increase in the seven-day average for COVID hospital admissions among children under the age of 17. That increase was seen in just 14 days in late July and early August.

Vaccines have made COVID-19 controllable. If everyone got the shot, infections, hospitalizations and deaths would be minimal.

The fact that there are hundreds and hundreds of thousands of people who refuse vaccination and are willing to let children get sick and perhaps die is beyond shocking.

Also on our doorsteps and threatening our futures is climate change. Western North America is on fire, other parts have dried to dust and still others are flooding under a summer of violent storms.

We have been warned about global warming and climate change for more than 100 years. Amateur scientist and women's right activist Eunice Foote experimented with carbon dioxide in the 1850s and concluded: "An atmosphere of that gas [CO2] would give to our Earth a high temperature."

Despite even more conclusive evidence, more warnings, a lot of political talk and some weak-kneed action, the fires and the floods grow worse. So do CO2

Meanwhile far abroad, the mentally-deranged Taliban, who treat women as sex slaves and stop children from reading books, have taken over Afghanistan. No big deal for us in North America?

No big deal - until they get their hands on a nuclear bomb from neighbouring Pakistan, North Korea or China. The Taliban's goal is to eliminate all

The biggest threat, however, is ourselves. We allow ourselves to be governed by weak leaders who worry that firm stands and strong actions needed for solutions to the threats will threaten their re-election. Making masks and vaccinations mandatory would end COVID but would make some voters unhappy.

While all of this swirls around us, our federal politicians are stomping through our neighbourhoods sucking up to us for votes.

We are told we need a federal election - in the midst of the most serious health crisis in modern history and an unprecedented developing climate crisis - despite one being held only 22 months ago. The need is simply a wish in the mind of the current minority government.

A minority Parliament is probably better for finding solutions to our problems. With a minority the government has to listen to and work with the other political parties. Majority governments think they know it all, don't listen to anyone else and carry on doing what they want.

COVID, climate change, and international upheavals are major threats that require bipartisan solutions. Also, solutions require money.

Elections Canada estimates that the Sept. 20 federal election will cost us an estimated \$610 million, roughly \$100 million more than the one 22 months ago. That will be the most expensive election in Canadian history.

The cost could be higher depending on how the fourth wave of COVID-19

\$600 million-plus plus seems like a ton of money that could be used to help fix current problems and threats.

Suckin' wind

that I wasn't getting much activity that got my heart pounding or my lungs puffin'. İt's not that I wasn't moving. I was. I move a lot. I wasn't moving in a way that challenged my cardio fitness.

Cardio fitness refers to any activity that increases the heart and respiration rate (breathing) of your body. It involves the constant movement of the big muscle groups such as the quadriceps, hamstrings and glutes. Running, walking, skating, dancing, cycling are all great examples of cardio activities. Doing any cardio activity can improve both the function and the per-

formance of your heart, lungs and circulatory system. These make up our most vital life support network. The stronger those three components are the healthier you are!

I have been stuck in that all-or-nothing kind of attitude around cardio activities. There was a time when I was one of those matchy-matchy outfit cyclists/lycra clad runners that are seen rolling or running (actually it was more like jogging

- who am I kidding) down the road. I felt if I didn't get in that type of measured activity it didn't count. There's a funny meme that says "If you see me collapse, pause my Garmin." Yup, that was me. I measured everything. The reality is that if you're moving your body it counts where it really counts....in your body. It took me a while to acknowledge and accept this fact. The challenge is, without noticing, I actually stopped moving as much as I needed to. I changed that last week.

I've created a trail that runs through the woods to a pond on our property. From the pond it's an uphill trek to the edge of the property behind the house. Then it's downhill to the start of the trail. This is now

COUPLE OF weeks ago I noticed my morning loop. It gets me out in nature (for my soul) and climbing that hill gets my heart beating and my lungs working. It's a great way to start the day. As I settle into this habit I will increase the number of loops that I do. I've come to realize it doesn't take a huge amount of time nor special equipment. In fact, I wear my rubber boots. You can bet I won't be making the cover of a running magazine any time soon!

> You don't need a hill in your yard to build cardio fitness into your life. Some easy/accessible activities are:

Hill climbing - find a hill, any hill. If doing the whole thing is too much of a chal-

> lenge, tackle it in smaller sections. Conversely, if you can do more than it offers you can do reps of it.

Stairs - great alternative to a hill. Take the steps one at a time or two a time.

Skipping - one of the best activities there is as it requires coordination as well as cardio strength. Start slow. Five jumps today are five more than you did yesterday.

Jumping up and down - get

into a squat and jump and land in a squat. There, it's like you're five years old again! Chase the dog - you'll both have fun!

Run/skip/twirl - I did this the other day with my three-year-old niece. Enough said!

I'm on a kick to remind myself and every adult out there that will listen to me that movement is good. I understand that feeling like you're about to cough up a lung sucks. Trust me, if you push yourself a little at a time it will suck less!

Something to think about.

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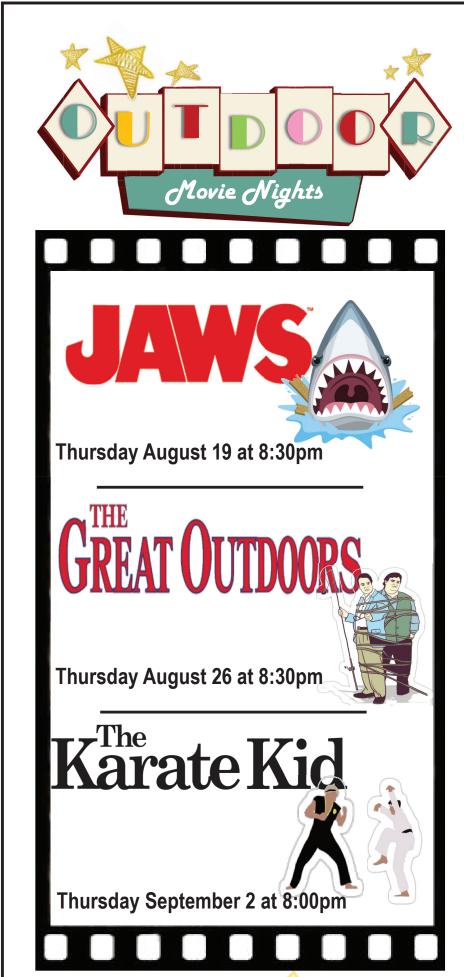
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Early election 'self-serving' for Liberals say local Green Party executive

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she said.

Forbes said she was encouraged to run again after witnessing the struggles of so many people in our riding throughout the pandemic.

She acknowledges it will be a tough task to displace a Conservative juggernaut that has recorded six straight victories in the local riding – dating back to its formation in 2004.

"This is a tough riding, there's no getting away from that. Certainly, folks here have voted in Conservativs more often than not, but that's changing. If you look at the numbers, there are more and more progressive thinking people in this riding. More and more with every election – the people who vote Liberal, Green or NDP. Recently, as a group, our collective votes have outpaced the Conservatives," Forbes said.

Touching on issues such as climate change, women's rights, better care for seniors and a universal basic income, Forbes said she's excited to present her platform to local voters over the coming weeks.

Greens aiming to win

With a local candidate set to be in place by the end of the week, the Green Party is hoping to spring a shock in HKLB come Sept. 20. Hillis said the regional executive were in this race "to win" when speaking with the *Times* on Monday.

"If you're going into a contest like this, you

have to have the mindset that you're in it to win it, and you have to do everything possible to work towards that outcome," Hillis said. "If it doesn't happen, that's when you can sit back and evaluate the results and see what was gained. But winning has to be the focus right now – that's what the next five weeks is going to be about for us."

Tom Regina, another member of the local executive, said that while most expected an early election to be called, everyone that isn't a member of the Liberal Party has been put at a disadvantage due to the exceptionally short campaign.

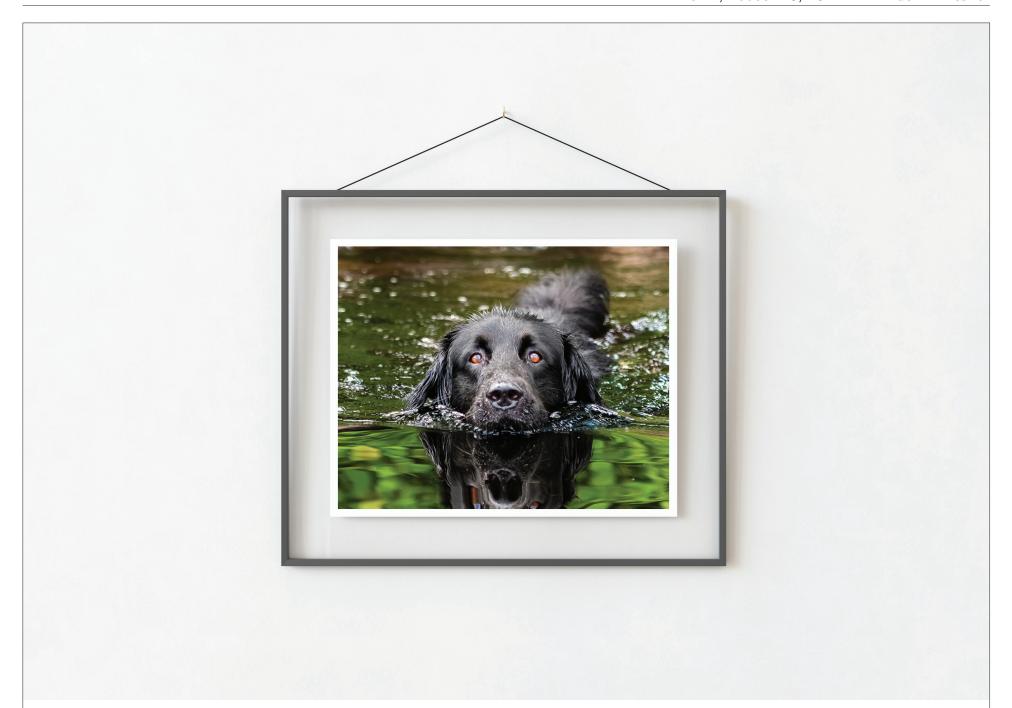
Hillis agreed, stating the timing of the announcement was "self-serving" for Trudeau and the Liberal Party, and puts everybody else behind the eight ball.

"For us, it's a little frustrating. I don't think this is an election that anybody wanted, and it has not been well received by the rest of the country," Hillis said. "For us here in HKLB, it's extra frustrating because we wanted to have the opportunity to introduce our nominees to our membership, and give them the opportunity to listen and select who they believe to be the best candidate. It would have been very interesting to see our candidates debate against one another, but unfortunately we're not going to get that opportunity."

The federal election will take place on Sept. 20. The *Times* will feature each of the candidates in a series of stories in next week's issue.



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Food banks coming out the other side after tough time with COVID

by GRACE OBORNE

Times Staff

COVID-19 has, unsurprisingly, detrimentally impacted food banks in the community over the past 17 months.

Though food banks have been hit hard, they've recently been able to bounce back.

At the start of the pandemic, staff and volunteers working for food banks were unprepared for the unknowns at the time, but needed to make sure their essential business stayed open for those who were in need.

"At the time, I was the only administrative staff and I was only working one day a week on administrative things. When everything started to unravel with COVID-19, we were really struggling to keep up with the health regulations ever changing. We needed to stay on top of that, to keep our staff safe, to keep our volunteers safe, to give our clients a base level of support, and never shut down. We are an essential service from the beginning and continue to be delivering services and enhanced services throughout, and so we really needed to quickly rethink how we were doing things," said Tina Jackson, the executive director of the Central Food Network, which operates the Cardiff and Wilberforce food banks.

Last summer, at the height of the pandemic, many people who needed income support applied for, and received employment insurance and government funds, through programs such as CERB.

This resulted in a decrease in monthly clients for food banks.

"COVID-19 has definitely affected the number of client visits to [our] food bank. One would think the numbers would be higher when in fact, due to government funds [given] to them, client visits have ranged from 70 to 80 per cent of the regular visits," said Joanne Barnes, manager of Minden Community Food Centre

It was a similar story here in Haliburton.

"During the first month, we saw a huge increase in clients, but after the first month, those clients didn't come back. It is most likely because they were receiving CERB,"



Food banks in the community have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, recently they've been able to come back from their tough times. /GRACE OBORNE Staff

said Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank manager, Judy MacDuff.

Jackson says she's experienced the same thing out in Highlands East.

"We've actually seen a bit of a dip in demand this year. I keep asking my volunteers if they're doing all of their data entry, because I actually have slowed down. My guess is that that's possibly related to continued access to EI," said Jackson.

Since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020, statistics and reports show the difference in demand from now to the pre-pandem-

"I was looking at our numbers for 2019, and the report showed that we had a 12 per cent increase in the number of people that were accessing our food banks, and we were already kind of seeing an increase pre-COV-ID. At that time, we had 394 unique people between our two food banks in Cardiff and Wilberforce. In 2020, we saw an 18 per cent increase in the number of people accessing services through our food bank. So that shows, over the two years, that there was a significant increase. It speaks to the impact of the rising costs of living. And then layered on top of that, the impact of the pandemic,"

Donations, whether they be from the general public or the federal, provincial or municipal government, have been welcome.

"I cannot underscore how appreciative we were for funding through the social service relief fund. That was provincial money that flowed through our municipality, which allowed us the ability for a six month period to increase staffing so that we could just keep going. That was just basically to keep our head above water," said Jackson.

"The donations have been phenomenal this year, so financially, we're in a good place. We got a lot of emergency hampers through Food Banks Canada, which was government money given to Food Banks Canada, who put together a bunch of emergency hampers. We're well prepared for a large number of people to start coming back early in October," said Barnes.

"Now, our donations have leveled off this

time of year because, during the summer, we don't get a lot of donations, but it picks up in the coming months. The Lily Ann Thrift Store is back up and running, so

we have donations coming in from there," added MacDuff.

During the pandemic, many volunteers were unable to work or chose to stay home for their health and safety.

"It's roughly 60 volunteers that are helping us. I say that with hesitancy because we had several volunteers that were not physically able to come in to support us during COVID. They were in isolation for various reasons, and so we've also had to scale down. There's programs that we've had to not deliver, because we just could not translate them into something that could be done safely. So those volunteers are kind of on the sidelines waiting for us to be able to return to normalcy," said Jackson

Now that the pandemic is slowly lifting, more volunteers are being asked to come back and help the food banks as they move into what has typically been the busiest months of the year.

"Before COVID, we usually had between 35 and 40. Now there are only nine of us, and we've carried it the whole time. This past week, we're starting to pick up in numbers, so I said that we have to invite our past volunteers to come back. We're going to need more bodies to help, because I think as the money dries up it's going to become busier and busier. So we're going to need more hands on deck," said Barnes.

She added, "I watch all the information on COVID, and we're just bouncing along. I am sending out an email to all the past volunteers, to ask if they're interested in coming back as a volunteer in the fall, and if they are, they have to be fully vaccinated, or they can't come back."

Jackson is praying that public events will still be allowed come November, as CFN relies on the money raised through its annual silent auction to cover most of its operational expenses over the holidays and into the new year.

"We are comfortable in maintaining where we are at right now. That being said, our largest fundraiser for the food bank typically happens in November, and that really translates to the support for that program for the next 12 months if that makes sense. So we're super hopeful that it is able to continue to be held. Rhubarb Restaurant usually holds that. So that's critical for us, to be able to maintain progress."

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With wife Anne looking on, Lochlin resident Ron Burk holds his team jacket across his chest for when he played goalie for the 1962 Minden Monarchs, who beat Fisherville for the Ontario Rural Hockey Association Intermediate B Championship title. /DARREN LUM Staff

Memories of playing for the Monarchs

by DARREN LUM

Times Staff

When George Nicholls of the Haliburton Huskies and Larry Lonsberry of the Minden Monarchs were leading their respective hockey clubs in the old tri-county league, and when goalies stared down shooters without a mask, Ron Burk was an 18-year-old netminder for the 1962 Monarchs.

Burk, who is now 78 and lives in Lochlin with his wife Anne. saw a need to share his memories about his team in light of the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame inductees.

He said the Monarchs, who have not been included in this upcoming Hall of Fame induction, had devoted fans and had reason to celebrate following a successful title run when the Lyle McKnight coached team won it all, capturing the Ontario Rural Hockey Association's Intermediate B Championship title, defeating Fisherville 13-2 in the final game of a best-offive game series hosted by Bobcaygeon.

He remembered the long line of vehicles carrying fans and players making its way back to Minden to celebrate after the final game, including when a cop saw him, pointing out that he and other under-age players better make sure they didn't get into any trouble during their revelry.

Without artificial ice, the Monarchs perennially travelled to Bobcaygeon, who hosted playoff games during the warmer

"We played all our final games [there] because ice went out in Minden and they were the closest ones with artificial and you go down and come back ... you pull out and all you can see is taillights, you know. I can remember coming home with my cousin. We had to come home to Minden. He stayed on the left hand side most of the way home to pass them all," he said, laughing.

During the regular season of 1962, Burk said he shared the goaltending duties with Bob Austin.

However, Burk said it was during the playoffs that he went to his coach with a request.

"It come to the point we were playing in the playoffs that I didn't feel like I was playing good or whatever and so I asked my coach, Lyle McKnight ... and told him, maybe, you should try Bob Austin. Seems the team might play better and he might be sharper than I am and that's what happened. He finished out the season," he said.

Watching the game from the bench wasn't a problem for him, which was due to how strong the team dynamic was on the Monarchs.

He adds there was a cameraderie shared among the players, which included Burk's cousin Neil Burk, captain Larry Lonsberry, Jackie Raymond, cousins Bev Gartshore and Craig Gartshore, Ron Sheehey, Paul Yearwood, Don Schrader, Bryce Handley, Phil Watson, Bradley "Pud" Hamilton, John Devitt, Bob Austin, Dave Caister, Robert Junkin, and Murray Bradt.

"It didn't matter whether we had a practice or won the game or lost. We always had a party," he said.

It was this sense of unity that played a key role in the team's success, he adds.

He said he played four seasons for the Monarchs before he

left to work for General Motors in Oshawa, where he continued to play hockey in rec leagues.

From his dining table, Burk points to the corner property on Lochlin Road where he not only grew up, but played hockey as an adolescent and found his lifelong passion for the game.

"We'd shovel it off. Every night after school there would be Neil, my cousin, and my sister Helen and that was about all of us. My aunt Bessie made Neil a pair of goalie pads out of bran sacks and cotton batten, so he was the goaltender and Helen was his defenceman and I was the other team. We would play hockey there for hours. So, that's how we developed a love of the game," he said.

There were other hockey games on other natural ice surfaces, including one spot close to Ritchie Falls he used to call the "Bloomfield Memorial" on account of it being owned by the Bloomfield family. The Bloomfield brothers, who played hockey with them would later appear in the movie, Slapshot.

If Burk wasn't playing hockey at that age, he was attending Saturday Haliburton Huskies games in Haliburton.

"That was one of our Saturday night excursions. I'd have to talk Dad into taking us to Haliburton to watch the Huskies play," he said. "I remember going to Haliburton and watching them play - Joe Iles, the Scheffees and the Kernohans play the Sutton team - Big and Little Canoes. That was their last name. They made their own hockey sticks, one piece ... I remember one night Joe Iles got a penalty and Joe was a big man. He got in the penalty box and was mad at the referee and started kicking the door and he ended up breaking his toe," he said, laughing.

The arena was always packed, he added.

Burk said it wasn't a concern playing goal without a mask

"There wasn't that many slapshots at that time. Mostly wrist shots. Other than George's (Nicholls) brother Dave, he had a good slap shot. During warm up he played the year before, it would be '60- '61 he played for us in Minden. When he took a warm-up shot you just stood there and hoped it didn't hit ya," he said, laughing.

For all the shots he faced without a mask, his only injury came courtesy of his own defenceman who was just skating by, moving his stick side-to-side during warmup.

By the late-1960s, he remembers how more players were taking slapshots, which motivated him to make his own goal-

At around 13, he found himself between the pipes simply because of necessity.

"The only reason I started playing goal was because [while] playing in Minden the goalies didn't show up. They put me in goal and I stayed there ever since," he said.

Holding his Monarchs team jacket from 1962 across his chest, Burk beams brightly under a summer sun. He laughs about not being able to wear the weathered jacket on account of his wife trying to launder the well-worn piece, which stands as more than just a reminder of a bygone era and a forgotten achievement. It stands for a chapter of hockey and a year when passion was rewarded and celebrated.

"It's kind of in your blood and you love to play hockey,"

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Cottager carves out a career with woodworking passion

by GRACE OBORNE Times Staff

The only way to do great work, is to love what you do and for 19-year-old Adam Bacik, that has always been his motivation.

On Aug. 3, Bacik launched his very own woodworking business called Adam Bacik Builds, where he sells custom live edge designs from small pieces such as charcuterie boards, lake signs, custom signs, and trays to larger pieces such as wine racks, benches, and much more.

Bacik was born and raised in Toronto, but spends a lot of his time in Haliburton County. As a fourth generation cottager, all of Bacik's products are made in Haliburton from his cottage workshop on Canning

"My mom's side of the family came to the area in 1933, and I've been coming up for as long as I can remember. I spend a lot of my time in the Minden and Haliburton area and love what the community has to offer,"

Bacik has always had a passion for working with natural materials to create handmade products.

"I've always been interested in woodworking and using my hands. I also really enjoy working with natural materials such as wood. The drive to start my business ultimately came from wanting to have a stable job that I could do from Haliburton, while also continuing to do what I love. I wanted to further my craft and show the greater community what my passion is," said Bacik.

Though close to all of Bacik's products are handmade, he also finds joy in working with technology.

"I just bought a three axis CNC mill [Computer Numerical Control], so I've been able to use that to advance my work and my business," he added.

As of right now, all of Bacik's designs are made out of walnut, a wood he enjoys working with. However, he hopes that eventually he'll be able to broaden his selection.

Bacik is a dedicated, hardworking individual who pays attention to detail when



On Aug. 3, 19-year-old Adam Bacik launched, Adam Bacik launched his woodworking business in the Haliburton Highlands. Bacik's business uses live edge wood to build custom charcuterie boards, signs, and more. /GRACE **OBORNE Staff**

making products for customers.

"The process usually starts off with the raw material, which is a handpicked slab of wood. From there, I cut it down to size on a table saw or compound miter saw, then, depending on the product, I'll either take the bark off first, sand it down, stain it, or I will take it to the CNC and carve the customer's design into it. From there, I'll fill it with an epoxy resin, then sand and stain it then send it off," said Bacik.

Though Bacik's business is run out of Haliburton, he is open to creating work outside of the area but feels his designs are created for more of a northern Ontario, cottage country style.

"Individuals in cottage country and in northern Ontario who have their home or a second home on a lake, who like natural products and have an eye for detail and custom things are the people my work will speak to most. I'm not keeping my work exclusive to just Haliburton, however my products do reflect more of a northern Ontario lifestyle. Anyone is open to contact me," said Bacik.

Bacik has plans to advance his store from online to in-person shopping as well.

"I definitely want to keep my online store but I'm hopeful that soon I'll be able to supply my work to other local stores and businesses in the area. I'm in the works of talking to some companies in the area about putting some products on their shelves," he said.

In the fall, Bacik will be starting a new journey at George Brown College to study Construction Engineering Technology.

"I chose to advance my studies in this program because, inevitably, I enjoy working with my hands, and I think that it would be a great career path for me. It will definitely be interesting to balance work and, soon, school but anyone who knows me knows that I am someone that is determined. My goal is to see this business grow and to further myself. It's not hard when you're doing something you love and enjoy," said Bacik.

Bacik has received great support from the community and has felt that his business has been welcomed warmly.

"Everybody that I've talked to and heard from, love all the products and love what I'm doing. There have already been custom orders and people seem excited for my work.

"It's important to me that my work is produced in Haliburton because it is home. I grew up spending every summer here, so to say this place is important to me, is an understatement. This community is different from others. Everyone here is really supportive and are always willing to lend a hand. Everyone is welcoming and have always been kind to me," concluded Bacik.

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Highland Yard rakes in record total in support of affordable housing

by MIKE BAKER Times Staff

In the face of the continuation of the global COVID-19 pandemic, a drastic reduction in the number of participants and an enforced move away from a live, in-person event to more of a virtual one, the annual Highland Yard fundraiser enjoyed a record-breaking year in 2021.

The event has been running, in some form, for 50 years in Haliburton County. It offers a wide-range of options to potential participants, encouraging walkers, runners, and cyclists to complete circuits that range from two kilometres in length right up to 10 kilometres. The idea is that those who register also raise money – all of which goes to a good cause, says Jack Russell, one of Highland Yard's primary organizers.

'The money all goes to Places for People... who in turn take that money and put it towards housing projects across the county," Russell said.

Places for People has been the main beneficiary of Highland Yard since 2012. The organization is committed to providing affordable housing options to people in our community. Currently, Places for People owns and operates seven residences across Haliburton County and has plans for a large scale multi-unit development on Wallings Road in

Since 2010, the organization has housed 19 families, including 30 adults and 54 children.

This year's Highland Yard, which allowed participants to race "where they want, when they want and how they want," raised \$32,500. That takes the 10-year total to more than \$170,000 since Places for People got involved.

"It has certainly been a record-breaking year, which is quite remarkable considering everything that is going on today with the pandemic," Russell said. "There were some remarkable contributions – one person raised nearly \$7,500 on his own, and we had a couple others who raised \$4,000. There are a lot of committed people who participate in this every year, which is really nice because all of the money raised goes right back to helping others in our community.'

The story behind the launch of Highland Yard, back in 1971, is an interesting one, as Russell explains.

"It all came together over a bet between a couple of campers, each who thought they could run faster than the other, so they put money on who could go from [Camp Onondaga] to the Rockcliffe in Minden the fastest," Russell said. "The event has continued on with the inspiration of a few different people over the years, who thought this was a great idea and just kept going with it."

While primarily a fundraiser, Highland Yard has also become a popular stomping ground for competitive racers in recent years, who will try to set record times over the various distance offerings.

Typically, when hosting a live race, Highland Yard will attract hundreds of participants. The event has become leaner since the onset of the pandemic, at least in terms of the number of people involved, with 78 participating in 2020, and 73 registering this year.

On top of supporting the seven residences Places for People currently owns, and the planned Wallings Road development, Russell said the money raised through this year's event will help the organization bankroll a pair of "different" projects.

"Places for People, combined with the Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton Housing Corporation and Stanworth Non-Profit Housing, is putting together a research study, where they plan to ask tenants living in Minden how they can help make their lives better. That's one of the different projects we have on the go," Russell said. "The other, which is kind of on the back burner, is our sleeping in your car event, which was put on hold because of COVID. I think the intent is that's going to pick up again this fall. That's a pretty relevant piece, as it highlights homelessness in this area."

Just because we don't see individuals sitting along Highland Street in Haliburton, or Water Street in Minden doesn't mean homelessness doesn't exist, Russell said. He noted there was evidence to suggest there are dozens of people in our community sleeping in their cars, or couch surfing from friend to friend because they don't have anywhere permanent to go.

That's why Highland Yard is so important, because the money raised goes right back into affordable housing in Haliburton County, preventing people from getting to the point of homelessness.

More than just the money though, the event also boasts a key educational component.

"It's more than just fundraising, Highland Yard is helping people become aware of the need for affordable housing.



were among the 73 participants in this year's Highland Yard fundraising event. The family participated in 5k and 2k runs on July 31, and celebrated afterwards at the River Cone in Minden. /

There's an educational piece, too," Russell said. "The intent is not education - the event is intended to provide opportunity for serious runners to try and beat their personal best and run 10 kilometres faster than the wind. But there's an

opportunity for the community to learn about the need for affordable housing, and I think that's why we continue do-



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Province provides \$2.4 million top up to local social services fund

by MIKE BAKER

Times Staff

The Ontario government has provided some supplemental funding to further support social service programs across Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha

In a release to media on Monday (Aug. 16), Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott said the municipalities, who partner on several social service programs, would receive an additional \$2.4 million this year to help deliver critical services across the region.

"With this new investment, the City of Kawartha Lakes consolidated municipal service manager has received a total of [\$8.35 million] for the administration of social services programs in the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County through the social services relief fund," Scott said. "This funding will support local shelters, create longer-term housing solutions and help vulnerable community members affected by COVID-19."

In total, the Ontario government says it plans to invest an additional \$307 million

province-wide to help municipalities and Indigenous community partners respond to COVID-19. Scott says this new investment adds to the \$765 million in social services relief funding already allocated in the 2021

It was noted that recipients of the money could use the balance of the funds to help protect homeless shelter staff and residents, add to rent banks, build affordable housing, and support plans to prepare for potential future outbreaks and emergencies.

Rod Sutherland, director of human resources with the City of Kawartha Lakes and a key figure behind the co-municipal social services relief fund, said this extra money was appreciated and would go a long way to supporting and protecting individuals across

"The social services relief fund has provided direct support to many vulnerable groups in Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County, including those who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, and those in need of additional support to meet their basic needs," Sutherland said. "It is hoped that this funding will further assist in meeting short-term COVID-19 recovery needs, as well as help build longer term solutions.'

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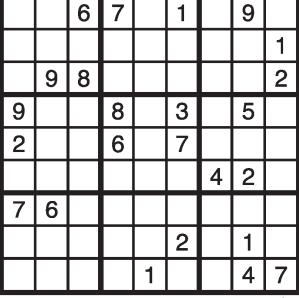
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Harpdog looking to 'make up for lost time'

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completely fresh, new thing that Charlie and I are doing," Harpdog said. "Charlie is just incredible. He plays the drums with his feet, while he's ripping the guitar with his hands. He's almost like a one man band... I'm just a bonus."

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted people in a lot of ways, but for Harpdog it brought his career to a grinding halt. On average, over the past five years, he was playing around 250 shows per year, traveling and touring all over North America.

"I was racking up 65,000 kilometres per year driving pretty well anywhere and everywhere you can think of – down to Mississippi, across to Atlanta, Georgia, down the west coast through California, into Arizona, usually by way of Las Vegas, and then back again. I was pretty much a non-stop moving violation," Harpdog said. "In 2019, I slept in my bed 27 nights. I was on the road the rest of the year.'

He continued, "So, for the last 18 months, I've definitely missed all the miles and all the smiles. Now that we're back, we have to start making up for lost time."

This week will mark Harpdog's first time back in Minden since 2014, when he also played at the Dominion. He will have copies of his last three albums - 2014's What It Is, 2016's Travelin' With the Blues, and 2019's For Love and *Money* – available for anyone looking to buy one.

When asked to explain, or describe his very unique sound, Harpdog says it's a mixture of influences gathered throughout his 40-year career.

"I would say there are many shades of brown," Harpdog said. "It's all Blues to me, but then I define the Blues more by the lyrical content than the chords and the arrangements. It's more a story of life.

"I would say that mostly everything, musically, on the North American side of the planet, is Blues based. All of your favourite songs - they come from the bag of Blues, whether it be country, or rock n' roll. You know, rock n' roll is like the evil, twisted teenager of Blues," he continued. "In terms of sounds, sure, you have differences – the Delta Blues and north Mississippi sounds are different from the New Orleans Blues, which are different that you would get in the Texas area. Then the west coast has got a whole different sound. I feel I have travelled, I have listened and I have learned. And I have incorporated it all into my music – I feel connected to it all."

And, for those of you who are wondering, there is a pretty cool story behind Harpdog's name.

"No, I was not named Harpdog at birth," he said, chuckling. "I was born out of wedlock, was a foster child, and an adopted child. My name... I never felt like I belonged to any of that," Harpdog said. "So, fast forward a few years to 1989, and I'm sitting in a bar in Kitsilano Beach in Vancouver. I go up to play a set on my harmonica. There are these guys sitting right in front of me, and they're just right into the show. A few songs in, they're having a good time and they just start chanting 'harp dog! Harp dog!'

"Now, I had never heard the term 'harp dog' before... Soon after, I took it as my stage name and then eventually made it legal after I went through a divorce," he added.

You don't have to be a fan of Blues music to appreciate Harpdog's sound, he said. In fact, his favourite kind of people are those who are, perhaps, a little pessimistic heading into a

"We convert people who thought they didn't like the Blues, that's a really cool thing about what we do," Harpdog said. "Really, people do like the Blues. They just don't like bad music. You see, there's only two kinds of music – good and bad. It's all about the performance, not the genre. It took me a long time to learn that.

"So, you know, the people who aren't Blues fans, they mean a lot to me because we get to open up their eyes to the fact that 'wow, OK, this music is pretty good'," Harpdog finished.

Tickets to catch the show are available at www.eventbrite. ca by searching 'Harpdog Brown at the D', beginning at around \$37. For more on Harpdog Brown, visit www.harpdogbrown.com.



COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE

THIS MEETING WILL BE HEARD AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING BY WAY OF A VIRTUAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

MONDAY, August 30, 2021

TIME: 10:30 AM

LOCATION: Due to the physical distancing requirements imposed as a result of the ongoing

COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of a virtual meeting.

Join the meeting by telephone by dialing either: 1-647-374-4685 OR 1-647-558-0588

Enter Meeting ID 913 4971 9571 and Passcode: 654382

Join the meeting using a computer or smart phone at:

https://zoom.us/j/91349719571?pwd=SkN4NEhNMVc4dS9HeTdRVDA1MDVRZz09

Members of the public are welcome to watch the Committee of Adjustment meeting by joining

Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing must pre-register by emailing dsisson@mindenhills.ca by Friday August 27th before 4:00 PM or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 10:00 AM. Participants registering after 10:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.

Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the hearing as permitted by th Chair. Please note the live-stream link provided for each hearing will only be activated while Committee of Adjustment is in session.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider minor variance applications PLMV2021041, PLMV2021044, PLMV2021045 and PLMV2021048 and the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

PLMV2021041 - Part Lot 15, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 2994 Deep Bay Road (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a 75.81 sq. m. (816 sq. ft.) detached garage on the subject property in the front yard to an existing dwelling. The variance sought would allow for a reduction in the required 15 m. (49.21 ft.) setback from the front lot line as per Section 4.1.3 (b) and Section 5.2 to 10.06 m. (33 ft.) for the proposed detached garage.



PLMV2021044 - Part Lot 16, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1891 Rackety Trail; and located on Gull Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a 115.4 sq. m. (1242 sq. ft.) addition to an existing dwelling, together with two attached decks, being 8.36 sq. m (90 sq. ft.) and 11.1 sq. m (120 sq. ft.), respectively. The variance sought would allow for a lateral extension of the dwelling, having a high water mark setback of 18.9 m. (62 ft.) to both the dwelling and nearest attached deck, whereas 23 metres (75.4 feet) is otherwise required, as per Section 5.2; and whereas no increase in the extent of a non-complying building or structure is otherwise permitted by Section 4.8.4 (i). As proposed, the proposed addition and decks would maintain existing development setbacks.



PLMV2021045 - Part Lot 7, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1018 Pottery Drive; and located on Mountain Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a detached 83.2 sq. m. (896 sq. ft.) 1.5 storey garage, as well as the reconstruction of an existing dwelling and waterfront deck. The variance sought for the garage would allow for 1.5 storeys and an interior side yard setback of 1.3 m. (4.25 ft.), whereas otherwise a maximum of one-storey is permitted and a side yard setback of 2 m. (6.5 ft.) is required. The variance sought for the new 207.4 sq. m. (2,232 sq. ft.) dwelling would permit a setback of 9.6 m. (31.4 ft.) from the High Water Mark (HWM), whereas otherwise in accordance with Sections 4.8.4 (i) and (iv), an increase in extent



and size for a building or structure located within 15 m. (49.2 ft.) of the HWM is not permitted. The new dwelling as proposed would maintain the current setbacks of the existing dwelling. The application would also permit the reconstruction and cantilevered expansion of a waterfront deck currently setback 7.7 m. (24.9 ft.) to the HWM to have a setback of 6.7 m. (21.9 ft.) to the HWM.

PLMV2021048 - Part Lot 17, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Minden Hills; municipally known as 1180 Gravel Pit Drive; and located on Canning Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the reconstruction of an existing dwelling and construction of a new detached garage with an upper-level sleeping cabin. The variance sought for the reconstructed 113.3 sq. m. (1,220 sq. ft.) dwelling would allow for an increase in height of 2.6 m. (8.5 ft.), whereas otherwise only 1.2 m. (3.9 ft.) is permitted, as per Section 4.8.4 (ii). As proposed, the new dwelling would maintain existing development setbacks. The variance sought for the new 88.4 sq. m (952 sq. ft.) detached garage with 35 sq. m. (378 sq. ft.) upper-level sleeping cabin would permit a side yard setback of 2.9 m. (9.5 ft.) and rear yard setback of 9.9 m. (32.5 ft.) whereas otherwise Sections 4.1.13 and 5.2 require setbacks of 4.5 m. and 12 m. respectively.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding these applications are available online at

www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom. Copies of the complete applications will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

HAVE YOUR SAY: Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS: To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@mindenhills.ca.

ANY PERSON OR AGENCY WHO IS OF THE OPINION THAT HOLDING THE HEARING AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING IS LIKELY TO CAUSE THEM SIGNIFICANT PREJUDICE, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing.

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PRIVACY DISCLOSURE: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for

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For more information about this matter contact adougherty@mindenhills.ca.

Amanda Dougherty **Township Planning Consultant** Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON., K0M 2K0

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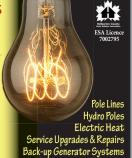
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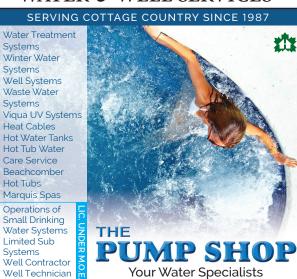


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COVID-19 nuptials creates new challenges for marriage industry

by GRACE OBORNE

Times Staff

For many couples, their collective dream to say 'I do' has been challenged, postponed and cancelled repeatedly throughout the pandemic.

Luckily, as case counts are decreasing, vaccination rates are increasing and restrictions are lifting, people are starting to feel more comfortable to gather with family and friends for their big day. Though spirits are lifting, this hasn't always been the case.

For the duration of the pandemic, it has been extremely difficult for those involved in planning a wedding to follow through with their jobs. Individuals have mentioned that the pandemic has devastated the wedding industry.

"Honestly, the greatest challenge is losing work, and basically going a whole year with zero income. I'm able to do my job and service my clients, even with a mask on and with social distancing, so it was hard to not work," said local wedding photographer, Eleanor Dobbins.

"It has been devasting. The first year I opened, I had 13 weddings that summer but then COVID hit and I had one wedding, and maybe two in the fall. Then it was next to nothing. It just started back up," said Lorraine Turcotte, of Lorraine's Floral Creations.

Since the pandemic has delayed initial dates for ceremonies and receptions, venues have also lost business. Bonnie View Inn has always been a popular spot in Haliburton for wedding receptions, but, over the past 17 months, has been forced to focus their business elsewhere.

"It hurt us so bad. I took a month off in February, to go to the bottom of the Grand Canyon, because I knew that I had nine weddings in May and June, but then COVID hit and I lost all those weddings. I'm just focusing differently now, and not on weddings. If they happen to fit in then great, but it is not being made a priority anymore. Years were spent building up the weddings here, to make them my priority, and now it is too unpredictable," said owner, operator, and wedding planner, Andrea Hagarty.

Despite the hardships that most couples went through to get married, others have found that COVID actually helped them to celebrate their big day the way they wanted to. Kristy Barrett and Mitchell Vanoosterhout married on June 12 of this year and say it wasn't always so difficult to plan.

"We didn't want a big wedding to begin with, so COVID actually kind of worked out for us in that sense. It took forever for us to come up with a reason to have a small wedding and then surprisingly, COVID hit," said Barrett.

"We ordered everything through Amazon. Our whole wed-

ding budget, was under \$1,000 by the end of it. We had the smallest wedding we could. I ordered Subway for catering, and it was about \$150 for three platters of subs. My wedding dress wasn't pricey as well, and my husband wore a pair of jeans, a dress shirt, and a tie. We kept it really low-key and we wanted something small, so for us, it was great," added

Though the pandemic gave the couple an opportunity to pursue what they really wanted, they still ran into small

"We were trying to find a place to get the marriage license. That was the hard part, believe it or not. My husband is from the Netherlands so we've had our challenges with COVID

see WEDDING page 18



PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 19, Concession 14, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 19, Concession 14, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 19, Concession 14, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10490.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on **the 2nd day of September, 2021** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a

Dated: August 18th, 2021

Sean O'Callaghan

Planner

Township of Algonquin Highlands 1123 North Shore Rd. Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1

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NOTICE - SPECIAL MEETING of COUNCIL

NOTE: As a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, as well as the requirements for social distancing, Council Meetings will be conducted electronically via web conference until further notice.

TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. conducted electronically via web conference.

The purpose of the Special Meeting will be for Council to discuss updates to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link. The livestream link can be found in the Special Meeting Notice posted on the Township's website under the News and Notices at <u>www.algonquinhighlands.ca</u>

Dated this 18th day of August, 2021.

Dawn Newhook Municipal Clerk Township of Algonquin Highlands 1123 North Shore Rd. Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1 T: 705-489-2379 Ext. 333

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Wedding industry expected to recover over late summer, fall

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and flying him here. Originally he was supposed to come here in June 2020, but then the pandemic hit," said Barrett.



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For wedding and event coordinator, Kait Farrar, the pandemic has increased her workload.

"Prior to COVID, I wasn't planning any weddings because I was doing large scale festivals and events. Now, because of COVID, I'm planning at least five weddings this year. I'm already picking up anywhere between 20 to 25 weddings this season because so many people have postponed."

Farrar has also adapted quickly to the lifestyle of working remotely and has been able to keep up with her work.

"Everything that I've been doing has, up until just recently with the availability of vaccines, all been done virtually. I have clients who I actually didn't meet face-to-face until the end of July. I was doing all of our meetings virtually and all of the work virtually. I use shared platforms such as Google Drive. It was seamless, effective, and efficient for collaborating," said Farrar.

Seeing that 2021 could be a better year, with the effects of the pandemic subsiding, many people are hoping to see more

"The outlook for 2021 would be more weddings. I think people have learned that backyard weddings, though it's not good for businesses like venues, are maybe the future. COVID won't be here forever. That will go. It will get better," said Turcotte.

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Predeceased by her husband of 56 years, Eldon Deacon. Dear mother of Barbara Todd (Jim-deceased), Patsy Lancaster and Sue Ripley (Doug). Loving grandma to Jason (Sheri), Chris (Christina), Donald, James (Jes), Robert, Kari (Dallas), Ben (Lynsay), Cheryl (Joel) and great grandma to Madelaine, Ashtyn, Jeremy,

Keaton, Grady, Layne and Zoe. Survived by her sister Shirley Ysinga (Bert-deceased) and sister-in-law of Jean Sutherland. Predeceased by her parents Geo and Daisy Sutherland, her sisters Ethel Marshal, Dorothy Reid, Pearl Bakalar and Milo Sutherland. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P. O. Box 427, Minden KOM 2KO on Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 11:00 am until 12:30 pm. A Private Family Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 pm and will livestreamed on the funeral home website on Mabel's page.

Please Note # Due to COVID-19 Restrictions, a limited amount of visitors will be allowed in the Funeral Home at one time and all remaining visitors will have to line up outside of the Funeral Home. Social distancing with face coverings and lists of attendees, names and phone numbers are required for contact tracing.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation for Hyland Crest Residents Council (HHHSF- Hyland Crest Residents Council) or to the Highland Hills United Church would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of

Melissa Jane Preece

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Infrastructure projects lost in budget cut limbo

by Andrew Milne

The fate of the infrastructure funding originally intended for the new county building remains uncertain.

County council voted January 18 to redirect the more than \$2 million in funding approved under the infrastructure program into other projects, retaining around \$750,000 for renovations and additions to the existing building. \$300,000 of this was to go to capital improvements to the county's Hyland Crest extended care facility, and \$922,000 was to be made available to lower tier municipalities willing to put up money to match the grant.

Funding for the infrastructure projects comes from three sources - from the local government body proposing the project, the province and the federal government. Each body contributes one third.

The county was told, shortly after voting to redirect the money, that it, and the lower-tier (municipal) governments involved, would have to re-apply with details of the specific projects to which the money would be directed. They did so, but these new applications had to be approved all over again by the provincial Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMA) and Industry Canada, the federal body which approves the projects.

Both the federal and provincial governments — the Chretien government in Febru-

in August - have since cut money from this year's expenditures on infrastructure, saying they wish to spread the money out over a few years to ease their tightening budgets.

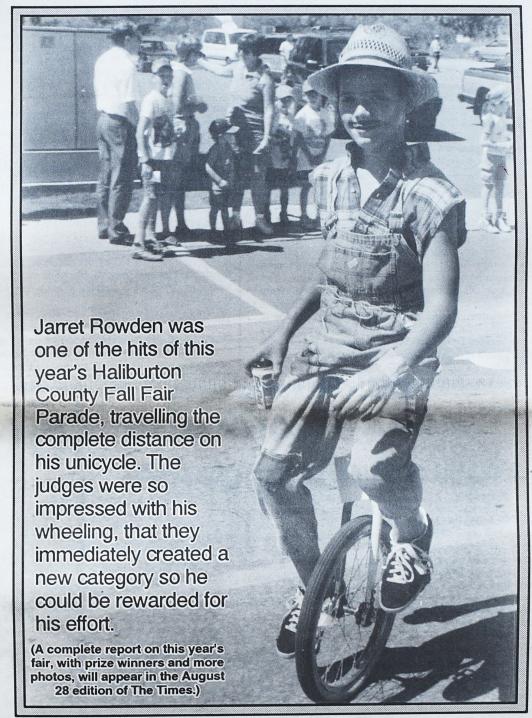
A source from the MMA, contacted August 11, could not say what would happen to the Haliburton County projects.

Said Scott Thompson of the MMA, "There are a lot of projects - and Haliburton County is certainly one of those caught up in this - that we have sent forward to the federal government for their co-approval and we are waiting for that situation to resolve itself. I know they are hesitant to approve projects given their fiscal situation.

Thompson would not however confirm whether the province considered the projects worthy. Formal approval, he would only say, requires a green light from both governments. He did say however that he didn't feel the \$73 million cut to the funding available this year (and spread into the following years) would affect projects already at the stage of those proposed here.

We're quite confident," he said, "that the reduction won't cause any problems for this fiscal year for claims coming in - that for the remaining years of the program we can work out a cash flow. Projects that were

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Where there is smoke, there may not be fire

Haliburton County residents who notice an odour of smoke in the air, may be smelling the results of fires burning in northern Ontario, according to a representative of the Ministry of Natural Re-

Gerry Spray, a Fire response officer based at the Haliburton fire operations base said on Friday his office has received a number of calls from individuals who report smelling the odour of smoke. "We have had a number of reports from throughout our coverage area during the past few days and have fortunately been unable to trace the smell to anything burning in the area where it

was reported, Spray commented.

The reports were so persistent that a helicopter was used to attempt to spot any sources of the smoke and none could be found. Spray said it was not unusual with the type of weather we have been experiencing and the number of fires burning in northern Ontario for smoke from the fires to be carried high into the atmosphere and then slowly descend to ground level far from the sources. Spray suggested it was likely this occurrence that was causing concern among residents. He said reports had been received from throughout their coverage area stretching from Bracebridge to

Pembroke, including a number of calls from local residents.

While the air search helped to assure firefighters there were no fires in the immediate area, it also confirmed that the smoke was drifting down from the north. He said the pilots and spotters who went aloft could see the bands of smoke drift-

The fire danger in northern Ontario has been described as critical with much as a restricted fire zone. All burning has been banned and in some cases travel in the forest has been restricted.

Locally, Spray said all fire permits

have been cancelled, although campfire are still being allowed.

Regular fire crews from this area have been shifted to Hearst, Cochrane and far western Ontario to assist in the fire fighting efforts. Auxiliary crews are on stand-by here. Spray said fortunately there had only been a few small fires reported during the past week and very little lightning activity. However he sought the co-operation of the public in ensurfires are extinguished completely. Spray did not anticipate any change in the fire danger rating heading

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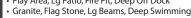


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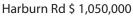
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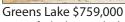
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